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THE DYING SOLDIER BOY.

Somewhere out in Flanders
There is a lonely spot
That will linger in our memory,
For it cannot be forgot.
A soldier boy is lying,
For that is where he died,
When the battle raged in fury
At the turning of the tide.

The sturdy captain shouted
Along the crowded line,
Which one of you will volunteer
To break the German line?
Tho' the shells and shrapnel bursting
As they fell upon the ground,
Tore the earth all up like ditches
For miles and miles around.

One brave and young lieutenant stood up
Without a thought of fear,
Tho' the deadly bombs and bullets
Fairly whistled past his ear.
He volunteered to lead the men
On that fatal day's patrol,
To cut the Germans' wires,
Yet death rang through his soul.

Slowly they crept away,
For they could scarcely wait
To reach the German trenches—
That place of bitter hate.

They all reached there in safety
And were coming back again
When a mighty crash resounded
Like thunder through the rain.

Alas! That one stray bullet
That pierced the soldier's side
Caused the fatal death wound
And gallantly he died.

Tho' he crept back to safety.
On his tired hands and knees,
While the cruel requiem
Sighed sadly through the breeze.

He lay wounded there and bleeding
As the sun sank in the west,
While he thought of home and mother
And the girl he loved the best.
So many, many thoughts
Passed through that soldier's brain,
As he lay alone there dying
On the blood drenched battle plain.

At last his comrades found him,
But they saw the end was near,
How tenderly they watched him,
This lad that knew no fear.
And as he lay there suffering
That night before he died,
He said: "Send this message to the girl
Who would have been my bride

'Dear Mary, I am dying,
We will never meet again,
I was wounded at the battle
As it raged upon the plain.

Think kindly of me sometimes

For I loved you from the start,
Good-bye, my own dear darling,
Farewell, my true sweetheart.' "

"Is there any other message,"

Was what his comrade said,
"God bless you boys," he whispered,
And the soldier boy fell dead.

A look of calm serenity

Passed o'er that fair young face,
For he knew he'd done his duty
In that awful shell-wrecked place.

They buried him at midnight,

When the stars were shining bright,
When the moon was softly beaming
Through the shadows of the night.
And now he's sleeping peacefully
Beneath the soft green turf,
With daisies dotted on his grave
Like whitecaps on the surf.

A picture of his sweetheart

Was placed upon his breast
And a look of peace was on his face
As they laid him down to rest.
And if you looked more closely
You might find lying there
A memento from his mother
A lock of silver hair.

A wooden cross now marks the spot
Where his remains were laid
Across the broad Atlantic
'Neath Flanders' cedar shade.

Away from home and loved ones
He gave his noble life
To help his king and country
Amid the awful strife.

He is sleeping in his glory
Where he died that dreadful night
Beneath the dark blue heavens,
By the moonbeam's misty light.
Beside the tree he's lying,
Down deep beneath the root,
And for a shroud he's wearing
A blood-stained khaki suit.

The boys will remember
That fatal day's patrol,
When they cut the German wires
And when death rang through their souls.
And another thing they won't forget
Is the friend they loved the best,
As he lay there dying
When the sun had sunk in the west.

A noble cause he died for,
A cause for good and right,
To overthrow the Prussian guards
He tried with all his might
Although at home beyond the sea
He'll never roam again
We know he's glad he answered
The call that came to men.

A BROKEN HEART.

In a quiet little village
That stood on yonder hill
I lived for nearly forty years
Until the Germans came to kill.

Many weary hours I spent
With only my baby son,
Thinking of his father
Who had gone to fight the Hun.

Twelve dreary months I've sat alone
Watching the old log burn,
Picturing as the ashes fell,
The day of his dad's return.

My boy was only three years old,
Quite a tiny little tot,
He was worth the world of gold to me
Both he and his little cot.

At night when feeling lonely,
The cradle I would rock
Until everything was silent
But the ticking of the clock.

One morning I felt uneasy
My heart was feeling sore
As I took a letter handed
From the postman at the door.

For a moment I was full of thought,
Whatever can this be?
It is not husband's writing
The man so dear to me.

The letter I then opened
And trembled while I read,
"He did his duty nobly,"
My God, I'm told he's dead.

May Heaven bless you, wherever you may lie
It almost drives me mad
To think I've lost my dear beloved
And my baby has lost its dad.

That very night at twelve o'clock
I awoke with awful fright,
With the roaring of the cannon
And their flashes through the night.

Just then someone shouted
And rattled at my door,
"Make haste in there and fly for your life."
And then I heard no more.

In excitement I thundered down the stairs
With my baby on my breast,
A shell came crashing through the roof
And shattered my baby's chest.

Half dressed and heart broken
I ran across the way,
My baby moaned for half an hour
Then quietly passed away.

From across the way I watched the flames
Growing higher and higher,
It made me almost mad with rage
To see my house on fire.

Then, along the road I stumbled
A little to the west
Stood a shell swept little churchyard
And there I laid my babe to rest.

Into this world I am alone,
I know not where to roam,
Husband and baby taken from me
Through the Germans that wrecked my home.

Back to the ruins I went that night,
And searching through the wreck
I found my baby's cot
Which the Germans, they had wrecked.

Turning towards the window
There, lying on the floor,
Was my darling's photograph
In a dozen bits or more.

There is our arm chair
I had for many years,
On which I sat for many a night
And shed so many tears.

There is mother's picture
She left when I was small,
Splintered with a shrapnel,
With its face towards the wall.

Even the little stockings
In pieces, everywhere,
And the dainty little slippers
That my baby used to wear.

I cannot stand this trouble,
The strain is far too much,
My heart is almost stopping
As the table here I clutch.

Is there a God in Heaven?
And will He hear me say
Make those cruel Germans answer
For what they've done that day.

Farewell to loving Belgium
I leave this world to-night,
Slay those cruel Germans
Any may God defend the right!

THE PRINCIPAL DATES IN THE GREAT WAR.

In 1914:—

- Aug. 1—Germany declares war on Russia.
- Aug. 3—Germany declares war on France.
- Aug. 4—Great Britain declares war on Germany.
- Aug. 20—Germans occupy Brussels.
- Aug. 25—Germans burn Louvain.
- Sept. 5—Great Britain, France, Russia sign an agreement to make separate peace.
- Oct. 14—Allies occupied Ypres.
- Nov. 5—Great Britain declares war on Turkey.
- Nov. 10—German cruiser “Emden” destroyed at Cocos Is. by British.
- Dec. 14—Recapture of Belgrade.
- Dec. 24—First German air raid in England.

In 1915:—

- Jan. 24—British Naval Victory in North Sea, off Dogger Bank.
- Feb. 18—German submarine blockade of Great Britain begun.
- Feb. 19—Anglo-French squadrons began attack on Dardanelles.
- Apr. 17—Second battle of Ypres, first German gas.
- Apr. 26—Allies land in Gallipoli.
- May 2—Russia defeated in battle of Dunagee.
- May 7—“Lusitania” sunk by a submarine.
- May 23—Italy declares war on Austria.
- June 2—Italians cross the Isonzo.
- Aug. 4—Germans capture Warsaw.
- Aug. 19—“Arabic” sunk by submarine.
- Aug. 20—Italy declares war on Turkey.
- Oct. 5—Allies land at Salonica.
- Oct. 12—Nurse Cavell shot by Germans in Brussels.
- Oct. 14—Great Britain declares war on Bulgaria.
- Dec. 2—Fall of Monastir and Austo-German conquest of Serbia complete.

In 1916:—

- Jan. 8—Allies evacuate Gallipoli.
- Feb. 21—Battle of Verdun begun.
- Mar. 10—Germany declares war on Portugal.
- May 31—Naval battle of Jutland.
- June 2—Third battle of Ypres begun.
- June 5—Lord Kitchener drowned.
- July 1—Battle of the Somme.
- Aug. 27—Roumania enters war on the side of the Allies; Italy declares war on Germany.
- Sept. 15—British capture Courcellette.
- Nov. 18—French capture Monastir.

In 1917:—

- Feb. 3—U. S. A. severs diplomatic relations with Germany.
- Feb. 24—British capture Kuletamara.
- Mar. 11—British capture Bagdad.
- Mar. 12—Revolution in Russia; Czar abdicates.
- Apr. 6—U. S. A. declares war on Germany.
- May 5—French gain the Chemin des Dames.
- June 7—British capture Messines ridge.
- June 26—First American troops landed in France.
- June 29—Greece enters war against Germany.
- July 23—Russia retreats in Galicia.
- Aug. 19—Italians begin drive on Isonzo line.
- Sept. 3—Germans capture Riga.
- Oct. 25—Italians driven back from Isonzo line.
- Nov. 9—Italians reach Piave line.
- Nov. 20—Gen. Byng attacks with tanks near Cambrai.
- Dec. 9—Jerusalem captured by the British.
- Dec. 22—Bolsheviki begins peace negotiations with Central Powers.

In 1918:—

- Jan. 8—Pres. Wilson announces fourteen points.
- Mar. 21—German drive on the Somme begun to separate British and French Armies.
- Apr. 5—Japanese, American, French and British marines land at Vladivostok.
- Apr. 14—Gen. Foch appointed Commander-in-Chief of all allied armies.

- Apr. 22—British naval forces raid Zeebrugge and Ostend blocking submarine harbors.
- May 9—"Vindictive" sunk at Ostend.
- May 27—German drive on the Aisne begun reaching the Marne.
- June 6—Americans attack at Chateau Thierry.
- July 1—Americans capture Vaux.
- July 16—Tsar Nicholas reported murdered.
- July 18—Foch begins counter offensive below the Marne.
- Aug. 2—French recapture Soissons.
- Aug. 4—Allies cross the Vesle.
- Aug. 15—American troops reach Vladivostok.
- Aug. 25—British smash Hindenburg line.
- Sept. 22—British defeat Turkey; capture Nazareth.
- Sept. 30—Bulgaria surrenders.
- Oct. 1—British take Damascus.
- Oct. 17—Belgians reach Ostend and Bruges, Lille taken, British in Douai.
- Oct. 19—Belgian coast won.
- Oct. 30—French reach Danube; Germany asks Wilson for armistice.
- Oct. 25—Italy begins counter offensive, driving the Austrians from Piave.
- Oct. 26—Gen. Allenby captures Aleppo.
- Oct. 28—Austria asks for separate peace.
- Oct. 29—Italians drive Austrians out of Piave line.
- Oct. 30—Turkey surrenders and signs Armistice.
- Nov. 2—Americans rout Germans in the Argonne.
- Nov. 3—Austria surrenders and signs Armistice; Serbians re-enter Belgrade.
- Nov. 4—Allied Supreme War Council agrees on terms of Armistice to Germany.
- Nov. 6—Germany breaks relations with Bolsheviks.
- Nov. 7—Americans enter Sedan.
- Nov. 9—Maubege, Hisson and Mezieres captured by British and French.
- Nov. 11—Canadians capture Mons. Armistice signed.

“WHITE STAR” LINE LOST 10 STEAMERS IN THE WAR.

TEN large steamships, aggregating 180,379 gross tons, were lost by the “White Star” Line during the war. Among them were the “Britannic,” 48,158 gross tons, torpedoed in the Aegean Sea in 1916, shortly after her completion, while in the British government service as a hospital ship; the “Oceanic,” 17,274 tons; “Justicia,” 22,234 tons; “Arabie,” 15,801 tons; “Laurentic,” 14,892 tons; “Cymric,” 13,370 tons; “Afric,” 11,999 tons; “Georgic,” 10,077 tons; “Cedric,” 8,301 tons; “Delphic,” 8,278 tons.

Atlantic Transport Line lost 5 ships, totalling 61,665 tons; Red Star Line one ship, the “Southland,” 11,899 tons.

WHAT WAR COST U. S. A.

It cost \$5,645,000,000 to run the American Army for one year; \$1,386,000,000 for the Navy; \$1,516,000,000 for Civil Government proper; \$862,000,000 for Shipping; \$181,000,000 for pensions. The public debt on June 30th, 1918, was \$12,396,000,000.

NO MAN'S LAND.

The rain will help—I'm not so thirsty now;
How cool it falls upon my burning lips!
Thirst is a frightful thing—I realize now
It drives men mad, like scores of scourging whips.

The still cool dark is better than the light!
The sun beats down so fiercely through the day,
It seems to burn away my very sight—
And shrivel me to nothing where I lay.

This "No Man's Land" is strange—a neutral ground
Where friend and foe together come to sleep,
Indifferent to the shaking hell of sound—
To shell still searching for more grain to reap.

Kincaid died very well! Before he went
He smiled a bit and said he hoped we'd won;
And then he said he saw his home in Kent,
And then lay staring at the glaring sun.

That German over there was peaceful too,
He looked a long, long time across their line,
And then he tried to sing some song he knew,
And so passed on without another sign.

Well, this won't do for me—I'd best get back,
I'm just a little sleepy, I confess,
But I must be in time, we may attack—
The lads would miss me too at evening mess.

A moment more and then I'll make a start—
I can't be stirr'd by a line like this;
I'll just repeat to them all my heart—
Some words of love that ended in a kiss.

Why do I seem to feel so queer to-day?
To see her eyes and smile, her old dear face?
Is she beside me still, a dream or no?
I think perchance I'll sleep her thro' the night.

THE BATTLE OF COURCELETTE.

September 15th, 1916.

This brings to memory the men of the 5th Brigade who were in service at the Somme. And by the people of the whole Dominion, should be remembered with pride, that day which saw the capture of Courcelette, regarded as one of the more important engagements of Canadians in this great war. Cpl. A. Audette, of Montreal, a member of the 22nd Batt., took part along with many others. He has since returned to Canada, although a little lame, none the worse for his great experience on that day.

He said Canada should be proud of the splendid work of her sons in taking Courcelette. On the morning of the fifteenth little did we think that scores of our boys would be sleeping their last sleep on the shell pit ground that night and many Canadian homes would be saddened. Some will tell you that the taking of Courcelette was a small affair. But let me tell you that when a brigade takes part it is no small action. When being assisted by a couple of our Monstrous Tanks we are sure up against the real thing, as crossing over thirty hundred yards of ground is no small affair. You are bound to meet with some tough resistance and the gallant 5th brigade met it too. Men were torn to pieces, some were running mad, some were shell shocked and some were gassed, others were going ahead and doing their best. You can't imagine shell after shell falling and exploding among the advancing men. Recalling that day I shall always remember my friend, Captain Silvase, who was with me in the support and who did many brave acts in caring for the wounded, and who was killed September 16th, 1916. He was one of the coolest men I saw that day, when we lost seventeen out of the twenty-one.

INDIAN ARM'Y HAD 1,161,789 RECRUITS.

Army at outbreak of war was 239,561. During war 1,161,789 were recruited, of whom 573,341 were combatants. Men sent overseas were 953,741. 10,000 were killed or missing, or died of wounds. 59,000 were wounded; 9,092 were taken prisoners. The most of the casualties were suffered in Mesopotamia.

STRENGTH OF U. S. A. NAVY.

Personnel	28
Dreadnoughts	11
Pre-Dreadnoughts	22
Cruisers Armoured	10
Cruisers	24
Destroyers	12
Torpedo Boats	13
Submarines	17

These for the end of 1910.

709 BOMBING RAIDS IN 13 MONTHS BY BRITISH AIRMEN.

DURING the 13 months preceding the armistice 709 bombing raids were made by British airmen over German territory. There were 34 raids on large German towns. 209 on German establishments for the defence of military operations. 12 large towns were bombarded during the period. 737 tons of bombs were dropped.

HOW FOUR CANADIAN SOLDIERS CAPTURED 103 GERMANS.

and the "When the Candle Went Out."

A SABLE incident of the Canadian advance was related to a correspondent by a Canadian soldier.

One of the other men he went down into the dark-
ness of a man dug-out of large dimensions. There
was a lot of many voices from the pitch darkness
of the dug-out. Arrived at the bottom of the steps,
the candle-light revealed a large ghostly-
faced crowd whose mysterious shadows seemed to
stretch into infinity. Then a murmurous clamour
came from the far end, and the advancing glim-
mer showed a huddled crowd of Huns, all
stretching their hands well over their heads, and ex-
plaining that they were very poor men, who wished
nothing but to be taken, least of all the brave Canadian
soldiers. And then the candle went out and the
subaltern ordered that if any man moved an inch, he
would be shot them all to glory. The candle was re-
lighted with some difficulty. But it was a ticklish
situation. Every one of those Huns were armed,
though their hands were well up at that moment. In
the next few steps four hated Canadians stood in
the trench with the candle. The subaltern knew that the
advance had moved well forward before this so that
no help was to be looked for. He had to
think and act with confidence, whatever he
might do. His orderly he sent to act as
superintendent of operations at the entrance to
the trench. Then in plain and em-
phatic tones he ordered the Huns to advance in
the trench, their arms, warning them that he
would shoot the crowd if one of them made a mistake.
By the time they were all marched up into daylight and
by three o'clock the orderly above dispatched them to the
rear to be sent back with the simple warning that
he was a dead shot.

THE CANDLE WENT OUT.

THE Kaiser particularly wanted his Bavarians to meet our troops just once. Well, a hundred of them met four—one badly wounded—in that dug-out and have survived to tell their friends in Germany what they think of the contemptible little *my*—some day.

COMPLIMENTARY DINNER.

“Somewhere in France.”

Zero 7,000 pip erma. Be ready when barrage opens.

EATS, ETC.

Lewis gun cocktail just for a starter

Cheer oh m'lads!

Hors-d'oeuvres pip-squeaked on toast

Rum jar sauce.

Mill's Bomb Soup (passed by Censor).

Adjutant's Dressing.

ANTI-GAS RELISHES

Tomatoes, Cabbage (picked to the ears)

Celery, Nuns, Alley Cakes

Shell Dressing, Mowatt Pickles

(He'd get 'em anyhow)

Casualty Joints (marked for duty by the M.O.)

Prime ribs de youthful oxen.

(Imported by Pringle & Co. Inc.)

Five Point Nine Spuds—au pip

Beaucoup Legumes

(Swedish for “have another Bo'a”)

Creamed and boiled pomme de terre

Barbed Wire Peas

Harrison Sweets (Trocadero Flavor)

Ammonia Capsule Merangue

(detonated with lemons)

Fruits, Nuts, Smokes, Bombs, Toothpicks,

Libation: Coffee Noir, Tea the same way.

Wines, Water, Porter drawn from the wood.

More Water, Liquors, etc.

THE BATTLE OF COURCELETTE.

'Twas the fifteenth of September, and the day was fine
and clear;
And the village was quite peaceful as we drew quickly
near
First came the Twenty-second A Co., then B of Twenty-
five,
And we opened up a fire and not many were left alive.
The Fritziez who were holding that town of Cource-
lette
Were soon killed off and what were left we treated to
bayonet,
And when our company got relief after fighting there
all day
There were few of those poor Fritzlers left for them to
scare away;
And so we recovered back our land and raised the
Union Jack,
And went forward with our machine guns for we knew
no turning back.
For Canadians don't lose trenches not let Fritziez hold
them long;
For we always get the best of them by using our Mill's
Bomb.
Back in the town of Albert we rested there a while,
Pride of our great victory was certain from our smile
For once before at Ypres we bravely stood the test
And once again we conquered and knew we'd done our
best;
On the twenty-seventh we got word to go back into
the fray
And we knew we'd have victory, and again we'd win
the day.
And as we neared the town again, the shot and shell
did fly,
We pushed our way through shouting, "We'll win or
else we'll die."

At eleven in the evening we started from Fozieres Hill,
"Forward" was the orders and those we had to fill,
We advanced right up that morning to the very jaws
of hell;
And hundreds of our infantry and officers with them
fell.
We dug in our machine guns with our entrenching
tools,
And getting into action we made the Fritzie run like
fools.
We got into their trenches sage, we got in there to stay,
We were all eager for the fight and snapped the Huns
all day;
We took nine hundred prisoners and marched them
back to town,
For we had our barbed wire big enough to hold 10,000
down.
So we got back that little town for which we dearly
paid;
And it took the French Canadian boys also the Fifth
Brigade.
And hundreds of our boys were buried beneath the
soil of France,
But like the rest of our brave boys went there to take
their chance.

Composed by—

Cpl. A. Audette, 22nd Batt.

BRITISH ARMY LOSSES DURING WAR.

THE total amount in killed on all fronts was 658,665. Of these 37,386 were officers, 620,829 were men. British casualties including all the theatres of activities were 3,049,991. Of this number, officers killed, wounded or missing were 142,634, and the British wounded in the war was 2,032,122; the missing, including prisoners, were 359,145; of the wounded, 92,644 were officers, 1,930,478 were men. Of the missing and prisoners, 12,094 were officers, 347,051 were men. The figures given include troops from India and the dominions. In Egypt the losses were 58,000; 15,892 were killed or died of wounds (1,098 officers, 14,704 men); wounded, 380,733 (2,311 officers, 35,762 men); the missing and prisoners were 3,888 (183 officers, 3,705 men). Losses on the Mesopotamia campaigns were nearly 100,000. The total was 97,579. The fatalities were 31,109 (1,340 officers, 29,769 men); wounded totalled 51,115 (2,429 officers, 48,686 men). Missing and prisoners were 15,335 (566 officers, 14,789 men). The total casualties were 2,719,652 (32,769 officers killed and died of wounds or other causes, and 526,843 men); the wounded were 1,833,345 (83,142 officers and 1,750,203 men). Missing and prisoners were 326,695 (10,846 officers, 315,849 men).

In Italy the British losses were 6,738. Of these 86 officers and 941 men killed, 334 officers, 4,612 men were wounded, 765 missing (38 officers, 727 men).

In East African campaign the losses were 178,225. Of these 9,104 were killed or died, comprising 380 officers, 8,724 men; 7,754 were wounded, comprising 478 officers, 7,276 men; the missing and prisoners were 967, comprising 35 officers, 929 men.

In other theatres the casualties were 3,297. Of this number 133 officers, 690 men were killed; 142 officers and 1,373 men were wounded; 51 officers and 908 men were missing or prisoners. There were 19,000 deaths from various causes among the troops not forming any part of the expeditionary forces.

HINTS TO GUESTS.

Walking out dress will be worn, minus caps, box respirators, etc.

Don't tip the waiters—they might break the glasses.

Barrack damages will be charged for any dishes broken. The M.O. will attend to any broken heads.

Entrenching tool handles are not to be used as tooth-picks. Strict quietness is requested during Lieutenant _____ address on "the Nutritive Value of Canned Beans for Canadian Troops." After his experience in Norman Trench, much interest will be evinced in Lieut. _____ address on "Cylindrical Sticks vs. Mill's Bomb."

A vote will be taken upon "Bully Beef" as opposed to "Canned Chicken" as emergency rations.

O. C. "A" Co., for your information please. Tomatoes M. I. K. (more in kitchen).

Officers expecting to go on leave soon are advised to consult Lieut. _____ who is understood to be writing a book on "London's High Spots."

Ten minutes will be allotted Lieut. _____ for a talk on "Why Our Aeroplanes Don't Fall Down."

Parades August 28, 1917. The 8.30 parade is cancelled and there will be none until August 28, 1917. B. S. 999. Ha-ha-ha.

THE BATTLE OF COURCELETTE.

THE Second Division had not long to wait for action after reaching the Somme. The four Canadian divisions were given the line in front of Courcellette on the afternoon of September 15th, 1916. An eastern Ontario Battalion (the censor has not yet given us the number) was given a sugar refinery in the outskirts of Courcellette as an objective for attack. They carried it with such facility that the divisional commander decided it was a good time to gather in

the village. The 5th Brigade was in reserve two miles behind the line. At noon nothing was further from thought of officers and men than a sustained charge in the open against the enemy. But unexpectedly the opportunity came and every man was ready. The plan was the entire brigade to advance a mile behind the sugar refinery, penetrate the village as far as possible and hold on. Counting on the French plan in attack, were the 22nd Battalion placed in front for the attack on the right half of the village; the 25th Battalion on the left. The 26th followed closely on the heels of the 22nd; and for this reason, it was pointed out, suffered more heavily from the shell fire of the enemy. The 24th Battalion was given a similar position in supporting the 25th. It was a day of record breaking. It was said afterwards that the G. O. C. on the Somme declared that the Second Canadian Division that day had accomplished more than any other division since the offensive was launched two months and a half before. The 5th Brigade was said to have been the first British Brigade since Mons to advance in the open under heavy shell fire, and obtain all their objective—a record which of course has been broken again and again since that time. As for the 26th they made a new record of capturing more prisoners that day than their entire strength in action. With wild cries and irresistible dash the 22nd Battalion, after crossing the mile, swept with artillery and rifle fire, met the German defenders hand to hand and broke through line after line of trenches. They were not to be withstood and dashed madly through the streets leaving many isolated parties of Germans in strongly fortified posts in the rear. Right through the village went the sons of the habitant, and not until they had reached concrete trenches far in the rear where they halted. Close behind came the men of the 26th. It was their duty to clear the cellars and take the last desperate Huns from the dug-out. It was desperate work, for these places were strongly fortified and some of the enemy fought to the last. Six hundred prisoners were gathered in.

Cpl. A. Audette.

BOYS IN KHAKI.

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Old England's call is sounding
Across the deep blue sea.
Atlantic's waves resounding
Echo that call to me.
And every true Canadian
His loyal hearts respond
And shoulders bravely each his gun
And uniform he dons.

Boys in Khaki this for you we proudly cheer;
For you're fighting for the homes you hold so dear,
There somewhere in France for all that's right you
stand,
Doing, daring, dying for your own Canadian Land.

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A fond farewell so quickly o'er
A parting sigh and tear
Our soldier boy has gone to war
Without a thought of fear.
A tall, courageous lad is he
So big, so bold, so brave,
Who goes to war right willingly
His country's rights to save.

CHORUS.

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On the battlefields in Germany
On plains in sunny France
Bright visions of his land so free
And of its honor dance,
And with these thoughts to cheer him
He fights on as he sees
His dear old flag is near him
A-dying in the breeze.

CHORUS.

But look! the standard bearer
 Has fallen from a ball!
 Our soldier rushes nearer
 Saves bearer, flag and all.
 And midst the war of cannon
 He holds the flag on high
 And shouts to those around him
 We'll win or else we'll die.

CHORUS.

ALLIES WAR LOSSES.

A FRENCH CONTRAST IN SACRIFICES ENGLAND'S PERCENTAGE.

A TABLE of the relative losses of the Allies in the war, according to which France, with a population of 38,762,000, mobilized 9,717,000 men, representing 20 per cent. of the population, and her losses killed) numbered 1,308,000, or 3.37 per cent. of the population.

England mobilized 5,704,000 men, or 12.6 per cent. of the population and her losses were 660,000, or 1.5 per cent. of the population. The British colonies are not included in these figures.

Italy mobilized 5,250,000 men, or 15.1 per cent. of the population, and lost 460,000, or 13.2 per cent.

The U. S. A. mobilized 3,800,000 men, or 4.1 per cent. of the population, and her losses, 122,000, represents a percentage of .013 per cent.

British Naval losses in the war, were 254, including 64 Destroyers and 54 Submarines.

OUR CANADIAN BOYS IN FRANCE.

On the road to Tipperary

There's a place that's vacant still,

There's a rifle lying silent,

There's a uniform to fill.

True, at home they'll hate to lose you,

But the march will soon begin

On the road to Tipperary

With the army to Berlin.

In the Morris chairs of Clubland,

Are you content to stay

While the others guard your honor

While the Germans boast "the day?"

For your king and country need you

And we want to count you in

On the road to Tipperary

With the army to Berlin.

When from Mons they fought each footstep,

When with pain their lips were dumb

'Twas the hope which held their trenches

Never doubting you would come.

Through the frozen hell of winter,

'Midst the shrapnels' racking din,

They have waited never fearing

You would join them to Berlin.

On the road to Tipperary

There's a crimson debt to pay;

There's a land of awful darkness

Patient faces, tired and grey,

Sobbing women, ruined girlhood
Strew the trail of Kultured Sin,
Can't you hear the call for vengeance;
Can't you join them to Berlin?
On the road to Tipperary
Sleep the boys whose day is done;
Don't you hear the voices calling,
To complete their work begun?
There are ghostly fingers beck'ning
There are victories yet to win
On the road to Tipperary
With the army to Berlin.

On the road to Tipperary
When the boys come home at last,
Won't you wish that you had listened
'Ere old England's call had passed;
But the gate of manhood's open
You, your part, can still begin,
On the road to Tipperary
With the army to Berlin.

OUR OLD BOYS.

Have years made a change in the old home town, in
woodlands, in meadows, or lane.

Will our long treasured love and memory unfold when
we look on the old scenes again.

And sigh when we see where the axe played a part
on the trees where the birds sang gay,

Where lovers oft strayed 'neath their green shady
boughs, or in childhood had gathered in play.

Will the old mill bells ring us welcome, will they
sound as of yore in our ears,

And bring to us fond recollections of love and of
laughter and tears.

True friends may embrace one another—to each other
their secrets may tell,

That has slumbered untold for many a year safe down
in the heart's deep well.

Where cold, cruel words may have drifted apart two
hearts ever warm and true,

Will he look for a clasp of that once white hand or
long their old love to renew.

And to linger a while on the old, old bridge above
where the swift waters flow,

And tell her again the sweet fairy tales that he whisp-
ered to her long ago.

They are those who have gone from our old home town
that dropped as the leaves might fall,

And rest undisturbed on the hillside now that have
answered their last roll call,

While o'er where they slumber the stars look down
and mourn with the dewy rose,

The shamrock, the thistle and maple leaf, all weep
while our heroes repose.

Oh could we all gather once more in that home, our
shelter from storms and rain,

Could we hear a dear mother's low sweet lullaby, could
we rest in her arms again.

MY DEAD HERO.

What care I for summer now, when no more our foot-
steps stray
Where the dew-drops kiss the wild flowers and the
rippling waters play,
I will tell to my friends, the swallows, that are twit-
tering o'er my head,
That far, far away in Flanders, my own, my love lies
dead.

For the swallows knew he loved me—they heard him
tell me so,
As through the vine-clad lattice, they whispered soft
and low,
They saw our last embraces and heard my promise shy,
They saw our last fond kisses, and heard his last good-
bye.

Had I the wings of angels, how quickly would I fly
O'er valleys low, and streams and sea, o'er hills and
mountains high,
And there beside the wooden cross I'd take my long
farewell,
I'd kneel and kiss the ground whereon my hero fought
and fell.

THE PRINCESS PATS.

While the band sent forth sweet music at the sound of
the coming train
That was bringing in our Princess Pats, returning
home again,
High rose the cheers of welcome, while I stood there
sad and lone,
For I could not cheer for those gallant boys and mine
not coming home.

I sadly looked in each one's face as they went march-
ing by;
It was so hard, to smother back a heartfelt lonely
cry;
While the glad hearts all around me never heard a
sigh or moan,
I could not cheer for the famous Pats and mine not
coming home.

His comrades left him sleeping while all seasons come
and go
Where the lark soars high while singing and the
Flanders poppies grow;
But I'm sure they will forgive me when they read
my little poem,
For I could not cheer for the Princess Pats and mine
not coming home.

THE BATTLE OF VIMY RIDGE

It was on an Easter Monday, when Vimy ridge was
stormed,
And the day was dark and dreary, but every one was
warned,
And the Huns they were so frightened, were waiting
and forlorned;
Our big guns they were playing, upon the German's
line,
When Fritz began retaliating, but they did not start
in time,
And before mid-day, well, I might say, we broke right
through their lines.

Now as I relate my story, I will tell you from the
start,
It was up to us Canadians, and each one did his part;
The French they tried to take the Ridge, about some
two years ago,
But were forced to make a quick retreat, and thousands
of them mowed;
The Imperials they were served the same, as we Cana-
dians know,
But when we took the reins in hand, we kept them
on the go.

It was about five o'clock in the morning when we left
our front line trench
And covered with mud from head to foot, and to our
skin were drenched;
But the rain and the mud we did not mind, for we
had our tot of rum,
And we knew when we got to Fritz's line we sure
would have some fun;
Our brigade machine guns opened up, and the bombers
they begun,
And it was not long before we saw the Germans on
the run.

I was not far from our front line, and all was in its
bloom,

When all at once a shell burst by, and I thought I met
my doom;
But it happened mighty lucky, and to my heart's
content,
When a piece came whizzing by me and through my
leg it went;
I did not know for the moment that surely I was hit,
Just then I began a tumbling and fell as in a fit.

Up came the stretcher bearer and said, "Lad, are you
hit?"
And I said to him, "Well, can't you see, I cannot walk
a bit."
He said you'll have to stay there and be as patient as
can be,
For there are thousand lying round you, just waiting
here for me;
I laid there for five hours, suffering from the pain,
And the shells were bursting round me and it started
then to rain.

Just then six husky Germans, as I had chance to spy,
Were coming with their hands up, merci, kamerad,
was their cry;
I beckoned them to come my way, as I thought I'll get
a hand,
But they could talk no English and could not under-
stand;
Just then a forty-ninth chap came up, and could talk
the allemange,
And he led us to our trenches and safely did we land.

Now as I conclude my story about that memorable day,
I want all you, my readers, respect to a Ridge man
pay,
For I know a man was there that day has nobly done
his share,
And on his return to Canada, give him a hearty wel-
come there;
I think I said just quite enough about that dreadful
place,
It will never die throughout history, the battle of
Vimy Ridge.



